# Probation Monthly Updates Response to Board Directives and Human Resources Status

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# Chief Viera-Rosa

Introductory Remarks and Overview



### **Pine Grove:**

Increase the number of youth referred and transferred

\*Corresponds with Court order of May 16, 2025

### Los Padrinos (Pre-Disposition)

- 59 total youth
- 36 potential candidates (age, medical)
- 14 meet preliminary screening\*

### Barry J. Nidorf SYTF Youth

- 99 total youth
- 53 are potential candidates (age, charge)
- 15 have expressed interest\*

\*Caseworkers are actively reviewing case files and behavior records to ensure timely and appropriate referrals based on Pine Grove's eligibility criteria.



### Family Visitation\*:

Facilitate transportation and assistance for family visitation to Campus Kilpatrick

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### Framework for a CVK Visitation Assistance Program

- Actual transportation (drivers and vehicles)
- Convenient pick-up locations, and
- A scheduling/dispatch system
- Probation Resources
  - Contract for transportation service providers who will be responsible for vehicles and drivers
  - Use of Probation field offices to serve as regional pick-up locations, and
  - Develop a scheduling/dispatch system



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Facilitate transportation and assistance for family visitation to Campus Kilpatrick (cont'd)

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### Partner Resources (DYD and JCOD)

- Will engage their CBO's interest and capabilities to provide transportation and/or serve as a pick-up location.
- These partnerships also have the potential benefit of CBOs offering families with support services.

### Department of Mental Health

- Not the traditional "family visitation"
- Existing family transportation service for in-person engagement during Family Therapy sessions, Multi-Disciplinary Team meetings, Individualized Education Program meetings, and Juvenile Justice Transitional Operational Treatment Services meetings
- Virtual family therapy when parents/guardians are not able to attend in-person



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#### Virtual Visitation

- Parents/guardians may continue to face other challenges, such as the significant travel time from parts of the county to Malibu
- As a supplement to in-person visitation, the Department is conducting a feasibility assessment for virtual visitation through secure connections from Campus Kilpatrick to visitation rooms at Probation field offices and/or CBO offices.



# **CBO Service Continuity:**

Assess impact to CBO services

### CBO Engagement

- CBO townhall meeting (June 4, 2025)
   with110 attendees presentation and Q&A on services, backgrounds, and contracts
- Survey of CBOs of their services (continuation, expansion, termination)
- Regularly scheduled weekly meetings with CBOs, including DYD and Arts & Culture leadership (primary contract departments)
- Contractor FAQ is being developed for distribution to CBO's and service providers and posting on the Department's website.



# **Pregnant Youth: Status and Location**

### Background

- 66 pregnant youth (2020 through 2024)
- 32-day average length of stay
- Policy
  - JCHS is primary care provider
  - Mult-Disciplinary Team meetings provide ongoing support services
  - Special dietary menu is provided
  - Post-partum care includes medication, undergarments, lactation support, and baby bonding
- Current Pregnant Youth Population
  - 1 pregnant youth at Dorothy Kirby Center (post-disposition). Projected release date is prior to delivery date.



# Human Resource Update: Recruitment

#### Outreach

- Social Media Ads Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, Google Ads
- Billboards (physical and digital)
- College kiosks and bus shelter ads
- Dodgers/Rams Yearbook
- Indeed Job Board posting/Funding and Smart Sourcing
- Geofencing for in-person events
- Development of two landing pages (public and military)
- Virtual Career Fairs (quarterly)
- Events (community college and universities, community, military, and veteran's events)
  - Recruitment team attended 150+ career events during 2023 and 2024
  - 66 events have been scheduled for 2025



# Human Resource Update: Recruitment

### Results

- Applications increased during 2024: 44% for Group Supervisor Nights and 30% for Detention Service Officers
- Deputy Probation Officer I: Average of 541 applications per month



# Human Resource Update: Exams

- Reduced the processing time from application to promulgation to a total of 60 days
- Schedule remote/online written exam within 4 weeks of application received
- Implemented virtual interviews to expedite and accommodate candidate's work/personal schedule (evenings/weekends)
- DPO I exams (November 18, 2024 to present)

| Applications received               | 3,346 |
|-------------------------------------|-------|
| Candidates tested for written       | 1,640 |
| Promulgated/placed on eligible list | 1,349 |
| Candidates scheduled for interview  | 1,041 |



# Human Resource Update: Background Check

- Backgrounds Unit (DHR partnership)
  - Reduced Peace Officer background clearance from approx. 120-150 days down to 80 days (including poly/med/psych)
  - Compared to:
    - 90 days at CDCR
    - 180 days at Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department
    - 180 days at LAPD
    - 90-180 days at Orange County Probation Department
    - 120-180 days at Riverside County
- Improved Candidate Engagement
  - Live scan and interviews on Saturdays
  - Virtual background interviews during evenings and weekends
  - Follow-up phone calls/emails to reschedule candidates



### Sworn Recruitment

### **Staffing Updates**

### DPO II, Field to RTSB

• 52 staff have transferred from Field to RTSB. 25 additional staff who requested transfer are under review.

### DPO II, T&C (9/5/24-6/10/25):

 167 applications have been accepted; 26% acceptance rate, including 11 pending review.
 Two DPO II, T&C have been hired.

### Safety and Security Specialist (SSS):

292 applications have been accepted; 20% acceptance rate, including 9 pending review.
 59 SSS have been hired as of 6/10/25.



# Mutual Aid Request

### **Status Update**

#### MOA: Probation - Local Law Enforcement

- MOA between Probation and the Los Angeles County Police Chief's Association (LACPCA) and the City of Pomona. Effective from July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026.
- LACPCA will facilitate local law enforcement agency's (LEA) assistance to supervise high-risk probationers. e.g., gang-related, domestic violence, sexual assault offenses. Each LEA has discretion to participate. Participants are eligible for cost reimbursement.
- The City of Pomona will be the fiscal administrator to process LEA reimbursement requests. Probation is providing funding of up to \$1.0 million.



# **Probation Monthly Updates**

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